

## AMUSEMENTS.

**ARCH STREET THEATRE.**—Mrs. Cole made her appearance last evening in the part of "Captain Vanderdecken." Captain Marryat has written a novel on the subject of the "Flying Dutchman," which is full of romance and interest. From this novel we suppose that the various plays that have been given are taken. All the dramatizations, however, have been made from the original, and the interest of the story is got rid of. The version at the Arch is no exception. It is perfectly incomprehensible and without a plot or interest to attract the eye and the splendid stage effects, which are so admirably given. The numerous front scenes required to give the time necessary for the preparation of the grand tableaux, render the piece wearisome in the extreme, and make the audience lose sight of the plot. Madame Cole was admirably graceful. Her costume was picturesque, and the shadowy effect of the unreality of the person of "Vanderdecken" suitably represented by the mazy grey drapery. But she did not enough of the play, the appearance rarely, and then merely to form a tableau. There is nothing in the action of the play, though the object of it to all others. This is a great fault for a star piece. The star is of course the attraction. The *Flying Dutchman* has been put on the stage most admirably. The disappearance of "Lestel" with "Vanderdecken" from the room down into the sea, followed by the rising of the phantom ship, and its gradual increase of size, was the most mystical and wonderful scene we remember to have seen. The rising of the water, the rain, too, with great reality, the boat actually swims on the rising waters. For its *mise en scene* the piece should attract. It is as far as the eye can see, the most perfect of its kind. The scene is so well arranged, that the audience is made to feel as if they were actually in the scene. The piece, we would suggest, would be long enough without a farce. It will be repeated every evening.

**WALNUT STREET THEATRE.**—Mr. Booth had a very large audience, though many of the seats were not filled, but probably these had been taken by speculators, who had not succeeded in reselling them; certainly there was not a seat unsold in the house. Mr. Booth's reception was unanimously enthusiastic. He was on the stage before the curtain made no speech. More dependent on his own strength, he had no possibility of obtaining even a hearing, or of making a speech. He was, however, in the house, and the audience was so large that the house was full. Mr. Booth plays "Hamlet," and "Macbeth," and "Julius."

**NEW CHURCH STREET THEATRE.**—Miss Margie Mitchell played the "Pearl of Savor," to the great delight of her admirers, many of whom had never seen her in any other role than that of "Fanchon." The *Pearl of Savor* will be repeated this evening.

**ACADEMY OF MUSIC.**—*Basil*, or *The Magic Star*, in four acts, with Francis Ravel, will be given this evening. Young America on the stage, and the laughable caricatures of *The Unhappy Fisherman*, with Gabriel and Antonio, form a most attractive bill for this evening.

**COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT TO MAD'LE NOEMIE DE MARGUERITE.**—This young lady, whose recent debut as a comedienne, both in Baltimore and in this city, was so eminently successful, has been tendered a complimentary benefit by a number of her personal friends. As the whole affair is in the hands of judicious persons, it will be doubtless worthy of the talents of the artist. That she is a true genius no one that has witnessed her rendition of "Fanchon" can doubt. Though quite young, she is a most accomplished singer, and in the matter of playful humor she can only be exceeded by such practiced artists as Margie Mitchell and Charlotte Thompson. In the particular line she has chosen she promises to achieve fame. A most agreeable countenance, and exquisite taste in costume, will so far to make her a public favorite. We hope that her friends will take the occasion of the *Unhappy Fisherman*, real compliment, befitting the artist of one who is destined to become a "bright particular star" of the dramatic profession.

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